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BEER AFTER
CUTTING
WIFE'S
HEAD OFF







A TERRIFYING plot to kidnap Love Island contestants and hold them to a megabucks ransom was foiled at the last minute by a crack security operation involving former special forces members.

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A heavily-armed criminal gang in South Africa, where the winter series of the ITV show hosted by Maya Jama (above)—is being filmed, only called off the horror plot after coming up against electric fences, satellite surveillance and SAS-trained guards.

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Drivers will bring rail to a halt again

MEMBERS of ASLEF will stage two walk outs – on February 1 and 3 – causing more UK travel disruption. The first strike will coincide with a walkout by 100,000 civil servants in their dispute over

in their dispute over pay and jobs, a strike by teachers over pay, and nationwide protests against the Government's

against the Government's new strike law.

Mick Whelan, ASLEF General Secretary (above), said: "The offer is not acceptable but we're willing to engage in further discussions with the train operating companies.

companies.
"They want to rip up our terms and conditions in return for a real-terms pay cut. It was clearly a rushed offer, made just before our meeting with the minister, and not one designed to be accepted.

"It is time the

to time the companies, encouraged by the Government, sat down with us and got serious. That's the only way to end this dispute."

Pen-pushers vote to strike

MEMBERS of the FDA union in the Civil Service Fast Stream have voted to strike over pay.

On a turnout of 60%, 88% of members backed industrial action in the statutory ballot. FDA General Secretary

Dave Penman said: "This dispute has been years in the making. It may have been exacerbated by a cost-of-living crisis caused by global events, but its

origins are home-grown.
"Our most talented
public servants have been left with no alternative but to take strike action for the first time in the history of the scheme.



Police top brass probe 1,000 abuse cops after Carrick outrage

MORE than 1,000 Metropolitan Police officers and staff previously accused of domestic violence and sexual offences are having the allegations reviewed in the wake of the David Carrick case.
The 48-year-old, a former armed

officer in the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command, has been revealed as one of the UK's most prolific sex offenders.

Metropolitan Police Commissione r

Sir Mark Rowley said weak policies and decisions meant Carrick was able to stay in the force for 20 years, despite repeated complaints being made against him. Sir Mark said: "We've let London

down – he's been a police officer for 20 years. Through a combination of weak policies and weak decisions, over those 20 years we missed opportunities when he joined and subsequently, as behaviour came to the fore that we should have

removed him from policing.
"Whether it would have affected him being a sex offender I don't know, but he shouldn't have been doing it as a police officer."

In the cases under review, which affect 800 officers, allegations were made but no further action taken.

Sir Mark said some will have involved a neighbour hearing raised voices, while others involve "very

On Monday, Carrick appeared at Southwark Crown Court to plead guilty to a number of offences. He has now admitted 49 charges, including 24 counts of rape against 12 women over an 18-year period. He kept some victims locked in

a tiny cupboard for hours, beating and urinating on them.

One ex-girlfriend said Carrick boasted he was untouchable because of his job and would use his police-issue handcuffs and weapons at home during sex.

His mum, Jean, said he changed allegation was made against him.



OFFENDER: Carrick



MET BOSS: Rowley

No guarantee that schools will stay open

THE Education Secretary has admitted she can't guarantee schools will remain open during strikes by teachers

strating next month.
Gillian Keegan (above)
said introducing minimum
service levels would
protect "vulnerable kids"
in schools, but she hoped
that the Government's anti-strike legislation would not be needed for the teaching profession.

Her comments came after the controversial after the controversial Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill passed its first hurdle in the Commons on Monday.

It came just hours after the National Education Union

announced plans to hold seven days of walkouts in February and March in a dispute over pay. Nine out of 10

Nine out of 10 teacher members of the NEU in England and Wales voted for strike action, and the union passed the 50% ballot

turnout required by law.

Ms Keegan is due to
meet the NEU today
in a bid to avert the walkouts which are due to start on February 1, and which the union says could affect more than 23,000 schools.

Unemployed numbers up

THE proportion of work-age people unemployed in the UK rose in the three months to November, while wages fell further behind soaring prices than at almost any point since records began, new figures show.

The unemployment rate rose to 3.7% over the period, from 3.5% in the previous quarter, the Office for National Statistics said.

The change was driven largely by an increase in people looking for work, as the proportion of people in employment remained unchanged.

Those who are not in employment or looking for work do not count

towards these figures.
An ONS spokesman
said: "Overall there was a small increase in people actively engaged in the



ENGLAND and Scotland could go to WAR for the first time since 1746 over the growing row between London and Edinburgh and a controversial Scottish

trans rights law. It's feared Nicola Sturgeon It's feared Nicola Sturgeon could unilaterally declare Scottish independence after Rishi Sunak's government struck down her Gender Recognition Bill.

That has put Scotland and England on a collision course and many fear it could lead to armed conflict between the two nations for the first time in

two nations for the first time in centuries.

UK ministers say the draft law would conflict with equality protections applying across Britain. It is the first time a

By COLIN HURST news@sundaysport.co.uk

Scottish law has been blocked for affecting UK-wide law. Scotland's First Minister Sturgeon called the move a "full-frontal attack" on the Scottish Parliament and vowed

to oppose it. She said the Scottish ministers would "defend" the bill, warning if the veto succeeded it would be

if the veto succeeded it would be the "first of many".

The Scottish government is expected to challenge the ruling – potentially through a judicial review – but is waiting for more details from UK ministers.

The announcement was greeted with fury by Scottish Social Justice Secretary Shona Robison, who called the decision to block the bill "outrageous".

Arguing that the bill does not

affect UK-wide equalities law, she said the "political" move showed the UK government's "contempt for devolution".
"This is a dark day for trans rights and for democracy in the UK," she added.

The Scottish gender bill lets confused teens aged 16 and 17 officially change their gender and allows transgenders to declare their own gender without reference to a doctor.

Women fear the law will allow

without reference to a doctor.
Women fear the law will allow
perverts to enter women's
changing rooms and toilets.
UK ministers have used a
power to block the law under
Section 35 of the Scotland Act,
the Labour legislation which
created a Scottish Parliament
with powers to make laws on a with powers to make laws on a

range of issues.
English and Scots soldiers last fought at the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

TODAY'S WEATHER AFTER another cold but dry start to the day, most places will see some sun on Wednesday, with light showers possible later in the day. THESE CON HEATING CUTIONS

Temperatures of 4C in London, 5C in Cardiff, 4C in Manchester, 3C

in Belfast and 2C in Belfast and 2C in Edinburgh. Thursday will be much drier, with longer spells of sunshine across the whole

PM: Sunak

SAT: SUN: Dry Cloudy of the country.

Still feeling a bit nippy out there, though! Temperatures of 4C in London, 4C in Cardiff, in Manchester, 3C Belfast and 3C in

Edinburgh.
OUTLOOK: Cold 'n' dry.

A MAJOR incident was declared after a double-decker bus which was carrying nuclear power

was carrying nuclear power plant workers overturned in icy road conditions in Somerset. Police and the air ambulance attended the crash, which also involved a motorcyclist, on the A39 near Cannington at around fam vestarday.

As9 near Cannington at around 6am yesterday.

"We have closed the road while we work with emergency services at the scene," said Supt Mark Runacres.

Avon and Somerset Police said 53 crashes were reported on



Monday night, as Mr Runacres added that police were advising the public to only travel where absolutely essential due to the

treacherous driving conditions. The crash site is about eight miles away from Hinkley Point

C nuclear power station. A spokesman for Hinkley Point said he could not comment on how many workers were involved, or whether they had been injured.

"Emergency services are on the scene and travel to and from the site has been suspended," he said in a statement.

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Police said a further 67 calls
were received for road-related
incidents, from 6pm-11pm on Monday, taking the total number of reports to more than 100 in just five hours.

HOTTER THAN HELL: Iggy





POP scorcher Iggy Azalea is giving fans a little something XXX-tra.

The Aussie singer, 32, is taking her career to the next level with a collaborative project with saucy subscription site OnlyFans, after launching a multimedia project called "Hotter Than Hell x OnlyFans".

The venture will take 12 months to put together and mix music, illustration poetry.

take 12 months to put together and mix music, illustration, poetry, photography and video for some spicy content. However, it is not thought the star will pose for American-strength held-open pics or do any anal piss videos.

Snippets of Iggy's upcoming fourth studio album will also be sprinkled throughout.

The project is inspired by the 1990s – the age of the supermodel, and will "highlight sexuality as well as giving a nod to the idea of the centrefold model and is a hyperrealistic version of the blonde's life".

Pam Anderson, sexuality

and Madonna's Sex book

and Madonna's Sex book are also inspirations for Azalea's latest work.

The Kream singer said: "I've been working on 'Hotter Than Hell' for six months already and I'm full of excitement and anticipation to begin revealing it to the world, layer by layer.

"Admittedly, I never knew OnlyFans was a place where I could be creative."

"I feel excited about not having to worry a about the overwhelming and creatively limiting censorship artists have to navigate when sharing work on other platforms."

C4 puts Sex First for viewers
CHANNEL 4 is set to air a new dating show where the couples HAVE SEX straight after meeting!
Billed as "even raunchier than Naked Attraction", the X-rated programme will screen later this year.
Under the working title Sex First, the new show relies on the theory that perfect matches must have sexual chemistry first and foremost.

Ahead of the date, couples will be provided with Bluetooth sex toys so they can get intimate with each other online, and later meet in person if they strike up a connection.

Big gong for disgraced star Spacey

DISGRACED actor Kevin Spacey was overcome with emotion

overcome with emotion as he accepted a lifetime achievement award this week.

The 63-year-old was in Turin, Italy, to receive the award from the National Cinema Museum, teach a master class and introduce a correspond master class and introduce a screening of his critically acclaimed 1999 film American Beauty.

It was the actor's

It was the actor's first speaking engagement since his career was halted in 2017 by accusations of sexual abuse, from men in the US and the United Kingdom.

"I am truly blessed and grateful and humbled. And my heart is very full toward the Museum of Cinema for having had the le palle to invite me," Spacey said, using the Italian word for BALLS.

"They are making a trans defere as of the service of the servic

"They are making a strong defense of artistic achievement and they should be applauded," he added.



China crisis as population falls

CHINA's population has fallen amid an aging society and plunging birthrate.

birthrate.
The country had
850,000 fewer people at
the end of 2022 than over
the previous year.
That left a total of

1.411.75 billion, with 9.56 million births against 10.41 million deaths.

It's thought that India may have already overtaken China as the world's most populous





absence from the Golden **Globes has finally been** revealed.

When the 37-year-old won the award for Best Actress in a mini-series for her role in *The Dropout*, she was unable to accept for her role in The Dropout, she was unable to accept it in person as she was "deep in the process of creating a new musical".

And now the production has been unveiled...

Amanda is workshopping a musical version of buddy movie Thelma & Louise for Broadway, insiders say.

And actress Evan Rachel Wood is also involved.

The play is based on the 1991 movie of the same name which starred Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon.

A musical adaption has been in discussion since 2021 and the original movie's Oscar-winning screenwriter Callie Khouri is also linked.

Songwriter Neko Case will be composing the score with Halley Feiffer set to pen the book.

Last week Amanda took to Instagram to thank her fans, cast and crew of her Hulu series about the Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes.

While Seyfried mentioned

founder Elizabeth Holmes. While Seyfried mentioned

that she was currently in New York and couldn't be in Los Angeles for the awards ceremony, she hinted a new

ceremony, she hinted a new project was coming soon.

"I was on FaceTime with my wonderful *Dropout* team who are the reason I got this award," Amanda said in her video.

"It is a true honour to have been a part of that. I had to miss it, because I am doing something that is magic and it's musical. So I'm finally getting to do something that I've never really done."

The *Mamma Mia!* star added: "That's all I can really say about it. Hopefully more soon. But it's a lot of work. It's more fun..."



ME OFFICE BAI



CIVIL servants at the Home Office have been banned from using the words

from using the words shemale and homosexual as part of a presentation on gendered language.

Members of the department's Homeland Security Group, which leads work on Britain's counter-terrorism response, attended a talk focused on "the right language" on LGBT issues.

The Home Office, headed

by Suella Braverman (*left*), moved to distance itself from its contents, which it said

its contents, which it said did not represent "departmental or government guidance".

Across 12 slides on gender issues, Whitehall staff were told: "Be aware a person's sex, gender identity, and gender expression may not correspond.

correspond.
"Genderqueer is a blanket term for those who don't

define their gender in binary terms ... It is not a modern invention. Each identity is

invention. Each identity is valid and deserves respect." A slide on language to avoid using included the terms homosexual and homosexuality, which it said is "generally considered a medical term now.

"People tend to use gay instead. Can reduce the person to purely sexual terms". It also warned

transsexual.
The presentation urged rainbow lanyards, include their personal pronouns in email signatures and join the LGBT Civil Service staff

network Banned words and expressions also include hermaphrodite, transvestite, tranny, shemale, sex change and sex-change operation.

Web bosses face jail if kids harmed

TECH bosses could face jail time for failing to protect children online,

Jail time for failing to protect children online, after the government made yet another u-turn in the face of a backbench rebellion.

Nearly 50 Tory MPs wanted to amend the Online Safety Bill to introduce two-year sentences for managers who fail to stop kids seeing harmful stuff.

The government had been facing defeat, with Labour also supporting the move.

Under a deal with the rebels, ministers have now promised to introduce similar proposals.

proposals.
It is the third time
PM Rishi Sunak has
backed down to
backbenchers since taking power in October.

It follows concessions last year on the issues of housing targets for councils and onshore

wind farms.

The bill would oblige managers of sites managers of sites hosting user-generated content, including social media, to take measures to stop children seeing harmful material.



Skint owners can't afford to keep pets

NEARLY one in 10 UK pet owners are considering giving up their companion to cope with cost-of-living pressures, a report says.
Almost a fifth (18%) are

already falling into debt to pay for their pets' care, while 25% said they will not take their pet to the vet due to the high cost, online pet marketplace Pets4Homes found. Some 60% of rescue

centres saw a decrease in pets being rehomed last year, with 42% full up in 2022 compared to 22% in

A quarter of rescue centres (26%) said financial reasons were most commonly given by

owners handing over a pet to be rehomed.

Large dog breeds were most commonly given up for adoption, with German Shepherds and Staffordshire Bull Terriers topping the list.





STARS in the winter Love Island villa came

within "a whisker" of being kidnapped and held to ransom, insiders claim. The latest series, filmed in South Africa, is currently playing out on ITV but viewers will be unaware of the threat contestants are under.

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South Africa has one of the highest crime rates in the world and murder is commonplace.

The wealthy live in high-security gated compounds and rarely venture out, for fear of being kidnapped by carjackers who roam the threats unmelered by streets unmolested by the police. Unprecedented security

Unprecedented security is the only thing to have prevented gangs raiding the Love Island villa and carrying off victims.

A source told the Midweek Sport: "There was a warning of a specific threat against the villa by a named criminal gang. They had clearly assumed that ITV would pay any ransom, whatever the cost, if they managed to kidnap a contestant, or

cost, if they managed to kidnap a contestant, or even the stunning new host, Maya Jama.
"As it turned out, the attack on the Ludus Magnus villa did not go ahead. The assumption is that the security in place put the gang off."
The villa is on the 25-acre Ludus Magnus estate in Franschboek

25-acre Ludus Magnus estate in Franschhoek near crime-plagued Cape Town.
Ahead of contestants arriving, Love Island has had its security measures bolstered.
The Ludus Magnus villa is protected by high voltage electric gates, which are fully manned by armed guards.
There is night vision CCTV and alarm beams. A source added: "The aim is to make Ludus as secure as possible, without terrifying the contestants. We want them to feel relaxed and contestants. We want them to feel relaxed and comfortable during the show. The beauty of

Ludus is that it's a long way from the main road, so for anyone to reach the villa they would either be spotted or trigger alarms and be quickly intercepted.

"There is a hotline into the local police station and private armed response firms, so if any threat is larger than expected, the heavy cavalry would be on their way in seconds.

"The security of both

"The security of both contestants and crew is of our utmost concern and must come first.

Escorts

"Thankfully, the one thing security firms know out here is how to keep people very safe. All the production crew coming in and out of Ludus will have armed escorts."

It's believed former members of South Africa's special forces are members of the security detail.

Dr Paul Litchfield, part of the duty of care team, added: "The contestants have also been given security briefings on what dangers to look for and what to do in any worst-case scenario.

"The duty of care arrangements for Love Island continue to evolve in the light of advances in scientific knowledge and awareness of the pressures young people face in establishing

of the pressures young people face in establishing healthy relationships."





Fans turn Brit into 'gibbering wreck' on date

Wreck' on date

THERE are renewed fears for troubled singer Britney Spears after she spouted "gibberish" during a dinner date.

A casual date night for Brit and hubby Sam Asghari at a restaurant in Los Angeles ended in a bizarre "meltdown" for the blonde.

Upon arriving for dinner, fans reportedly spotted her and then whipped out their phones to snap photos and film her, causing Brit to become "upset".

Witnesses claim the seemingly "manic"
Toxic singer, 41 (above), began yelling and "talking gibberish" as Asghari stormed out of the Woodland Hills restaurant.

A spokesman for Brit declined to comment.

In diner footage filmed by an onlooker, Brit can be seen sitting alone, muttering to herself, before leaving the eatery with her bodyguard.

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Her eyebrow-raising behaviour comes as #FreeBritney activists fear that she is still being "controlled".



THE American government's 'official expert" on marijuana from 1938-62 once testified in court, under oath, he'd smoked cannabis and it turned him into a bat.

Sex warning for over 50s

ASSUMPTIONS that sex ASSUMPTIONS that sex is only for the young mean doctors dismiss concerns of people in their 50s and 60s, sex health experts have warned.

Those in middle age

and beyond may fear seeking help to keep their love lives flourishing in case they are viewed as "sex maniacs", people attending a conference were told. It means people as young as 45 are not

young as 45 are not always getting the tests, advice or treatment they need, said Dr Sharron Hinchliff, of the University of Sheffield, a sexual health expert.

She told the Shift

She told the Shift
(Sexual Health in the
over-45s) conference in
The Hague, Netherlands,
that she had come across
many examples of older
people in the UK being
dismissed by medics
when they asked for sex
health support.

"We have a 'sexless'
older age stereotype
where we are expected to
sexually retire," she said.







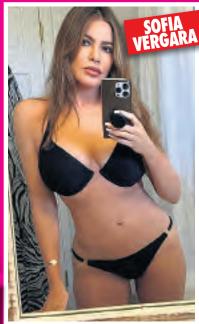














January Footie star's p<u>oo statue is</u> bestseller...

WHEN he lifted the World Cup while apparently wearing an Ann Summers negligée, many people hailed Argentina's Lionel Messi as



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ANOTHER FINE MESSI: Statuette of player flew off shelves at Christmas

Messi mess at the rear.
One fan said: "Just what a celebrity having a shit has to do with Christmas I have no idea, but then we're dealing with a people whose idea of a good day out is throwing darts at bulls.
"A delightful race, the Spanish, but bewildering in their thoughts and actions."

Cock statue causes stir

AN atheist who wants to erect a huge COCK statue in a park says it is part of a "religious display". Chaz Stevens, from Boca Raton in Florida,

Boca Raton in Florida, has been sending emails far and wide to try and get permission for the 300lb sculpture.

His goal is to put the

bizarre addition at Fort Lauderdale's famed corner at Las Olas, with plans to hire an off-duty police officer to protect his investment.

Stevens has already received a solid no from Deerfield Beach, but a possible maybe from Fort Lauderdale.

However, activist
Robert Walsh, who is
opposed to the cock
statue, said he hopes the
city denies Stevens's
request, adding: "Let him sue us. It's beyond vulgar. It's not art. Children are going to see that."









Pamela: I've never seen my sex tape

PAMELA Anderson has revealed she never watched the stolen VHS sex tape she made with her ex-husband

Tommy Lee.
The former Baywatch star, 55 (above), was asked what she wants people to understand about the tape, in a

people to understand about the tape, in a preview clip for a new interview.

She said: "That it was stolen property, that it was two crazy, naked people in love. I mean, we were naked all the time and filming each other and being silly, but those tapes were not meant for anybody else to see.

"I've not seen it to this day – it was very hurtful."

The notorious sex tape has come back into the spotlight after the release of Hulu's Pam & Tommy, which was nominated in several categories for the Golden Globes.

The mini-series, starring Lily James and Sebastian Stan, revolves around the leaking of the home movie, shot by Lee on his honeymoon with Pam in the mid-90s.

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Community order for boozy romp

A MAN who was caught having sex in public, in broad daylight, was "off his head on booze" at the time.

James Fewtrell, 42, was seen engaging in sexual intercourse in a car park at the Pyramid Arts Centre in Warrington,

Arts Centre in Warrington, Cheshire, by workers, a family, and children, and called "a disgrace" by a passer-by as he was pulling up his trousers. He was charged with committing an act of outraging public decency and appeared to be sentenced at Warrington Magistrates' Court.
District judge John McGarva told Fewtrell: "It is no excuse that you were so off your head on booze you don't remember

water 30 on your lead on booze you don't remember what happened." Fewtrell, of Fairfield, was handed an 18-month

community order, given 35 rehabilitation activity requirement days and 80 hours of unpaid work.

He must also pay court costs of £120.





NEWLYWEDS: Anggy Diaz (right) and her killer hubby **Jared Dicus**

A MAN who'd just decapitated his wife calmly strolled into the shop where she worked, stole a beer and drank it outside.

Cops claim Jared Dicus, 21, confessed to murdering Anggy Diaz, his wife of less than four

confessed to murdering Anggy
Diaz, his wife of less than four
months, shortly after officers were
called to the gruesome scene.

Anggy's mutilated body was found
at the couple's home near Magnolia in
Houston, Texas, with her head cut off,
according to Waller County Sheriff
Troy Guidry.

In CCTV footage
taken at the Chepes
meat market where
Anggy worked, Dicus's
car can be seen arriving.

Wearing a T-shirt and
jeans, he is captured on
another video grabbing
a beer from the fridge
then casually strolling
past the counter and out
of the store, then supping
it in the car park.

Cops eventually found
a knife, the suspected
murder weapon, and
Diaz's missing head on
the property.

A friend of the victim
said Diaz, also 21, had
confided her new hubby
was a jealous person.

"He posted a video
saying, 'She is mine,' to
social media, and it was
weird because no-one
was questioning that...
it was out of nowhere,"
said the unnamed pal.

Coult notionte are



Diaz, a Nicaraguan migrant, worked at the Hispanic store-restaurant and recently became a

fitness coach.

Her friend added:

"She never said there
were problems... maybe
she was embarrassed to admit her relationship wasn't perfect."

The pair married in October in a private ceremony, surprising friends and family who were not invited.

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The vicitm's friends and family are raising funds for her funeral through a GoFundMe page. Diaz will likely be buried in the Houston area where her mother and aunt live, her friend

Gout patients are told to have it off

HAVING sex may help beat gout, scientists claim.

Millions of sufferers have the agonising condition, which leaves them battling excruciating ioint pain which is usually treatable with ordinary painkillers.

But experts reckon having more sex might help tackle the condition, which is the most

common type of arthritis. The latest research looked at evidence from studies on how being in a couple and having a good sex life affected gout patients' outcomes.

A spokesman from the University of Rome Tor Vergata said: "Promoting better sexual health can improve disease control for gout.

A WOMAN cut off her trumpeter husband's COCK and left knives jammed in both the dead man's eyeballs. Florencia Amado Cattaneo, 41, has been sent to

Florencia Amado Cattaneo, 41, has been sent to the nuthouse after being arrested for murder.

Pedro Federico Zarate, 47, was found dead at home with several parts of his body mutilated as well as deep wounds in his chest.

Investigators found him lying on the couple's double bed in their flat in Altos de San Lorenzo, Argontine

Argentina.

Ms Cattaneo, a psychology teacher, fled the scene in a car and travelled to

scene in a car and travelled to her mother's house in Gonnet where she was arrested.

The couple (left) had been together for more than a decade and had a five-year-old-son.

She has been admitted to a psychiatric ward in a medical centre in La Plata to undergo tests which will determine whether or not she can be charged, investigators said.

The victim was a musician and a human rights activist.





Andrew: my naked sprint after burglar

BROADCASTER Andrew
Castle has revealed he
once chased a burglar
down the street while
completely NAKED.
The former British
tennis player, 59
(above), explained how
one night he had been
woken up by a fishing
rod being pushed
through the letter box of
his south London home.
He said: "With nothing
on I whipped downstairs.
This bloke had hooked
my keys, and there's
money everywhere.
"I get the door open,
completely starkers,
and ended up sprinting
after this bloke down
the road, past the
shops and almost onto
Clapham Common."
The LBC radio host
added: "And I almost
caught him!"
Andrew was frustrated
there were 'no cops
around when you need
them" but claimed: "If
you put one tyre into a
bus lane, they've got
three different camera
angles and it's going to
cost you £140."

DIRTY KENT

RESIDENTS of posh Tunbridge Wells are feeling physically sick over reports of a pervert who was seen furiously masturbating in woods near the Kent town.

















LINSEY DAWN

FROM EPSOM,

SURREY

McKENZIE, 34DD,





Murder charge for hubby who gave wife lead tablets

WITE IEAU TADIETS

A CHIROPRACTOR is accused of trying to kill his estranged wife by poisoning her with lead-tainted vitamins.

Brian Mann, 34, faces attempted murder charges for letting his wife, Hannah Pettey, "unwittingly ingest particles of lead," while the couple were going through a divorce.

As a result, Hannah, 24, spent two months recovering from lead poisoning at the University of Alabama Birmingham hospital.

Benefits

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She filed for divorce in March just days after she was discharged. Mann, 34, was nicked in September. He told his wife the pills he gave her in 2021 "would strengthen her immune system"

2021 "would strengthen her immune system", according to filings by Pettey's lawyer, Jerry Knight.

Mann is also accused of holding five life insurance policies payable on his wife's death, with collective benefits of £Imillion.

Mann was released on bail and his trial is expected to start in October.



JUDAS sold Jesus for the equivalent of four months' pay of a working man.

Teacher sent nude photos to students

A HIGH school issued an apology after a teacher accidentally sent sexually explicit photographs to the entire student body. The Principal at Dr

Henry A. Wise Jr High School in Prince George's County, Maryland, sent a letter to pupils' families informing them of the incident, stating the employee "inadvertently" sent an email to all students containing the photos.

containing the photos.
Taryn Washington said
school administrators
immediately tried to
retract the email, but the
images were seen by
many people and quickly
shared with others.
"We sincerely regret
this incident. I am asking
that all students, as

that all students, as responsible online citizens, do not share the photos by email, social media outlets or other avenues," Principal Washington said.

The school did not identify the employee their gender, or state if any disciplinary action had been taken.



IT'S a real treat for anyone who enjoys proper comedy...

There were only 12 episodes made but from the moment it was first broadcast almost 20 years ago, Early Doors became a comedy hit. Now the classic series is being repeated on BBC4 and on the BBC's iPlayer.

BBC4 and on the BBCs. The sitcom is set in The Grapes, a fictional Stockport pub where landlord Ken (John Henshaw) pulls pints for regulars including Joe (co-writer Craig Cash) and Duffy (Phil Mealey)

Cash) and Duffy (Phil Mealey).
Other familiar faces include Mark Benton, Maxine Peake and a very fresh-faced James McAvoy.
But one star of the show does NOT appear in the end credits... glamour model Ruth Higham.
Sharp-eyed viewers have spotted the beauty on a card of nuts often seen behind Ken when he is serving at the bar. Younger viewers may not be aware but before

rounger viewers may not be aware but before Britain became woke it was normal for photos of pretty ladies to be used in advertising. From 2002 to 2006.

By MARK JENKINS news@sundaysport.co.uk

WRITERS AND STARS: Mealey

Bolton babe Ruth was botton babe Ruth was the model for Big D peanuts, produced in Aintree, which caused a 35 percent increase in sales of the bar snacks in 2003.

in 2003.

And today we publish photos of Ruth from her topless heyday.

The return of Early Doors has been such a huge hit with viewers that a petition has been launched calling on the Beeb to commission a third series of the sitcom. Support has grown on social media, with co-writer Mealey himself retweeting it, saying:

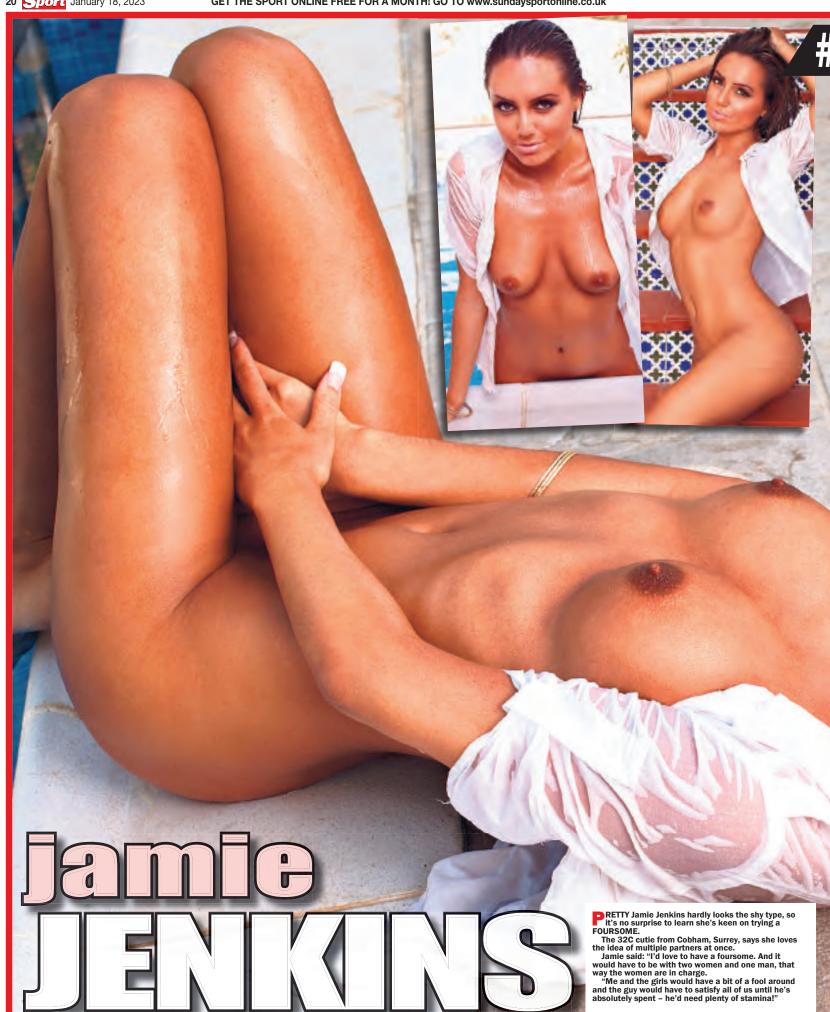
retweeting it, saying: "Please sign the petition and help get a response from the BBC as to why they seem indifferent to the show despite the affection and interest."



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REMOVED: The USC (below) sent out a letter saying the word 'field' would now be replaced with 'practicum' -Woke uni that means! <u>bans word</u> over 'links USC University of Southern California to slavery

A WOKE university has banned the world "field" - claiming it is RACIST!

The University of Southern California's School of Social Work published a letter saying it will remove the word "field" from its curriculum and practice and in stead replace it with the word

stead replace it with the word "practicum".

The uni's move is meant to reflect "anti-racist" values, but some have argued it insults the intelligence of the people it's addressing.

The letter read: "This change supports anti-racist social work practice by replacing language that could be considered anti-Black or with insulations of the control of anti-immigrant in favour of inclusive language.

Signalling

"Language can be powerful, and phrases such as 'going into the field' or 'field work' may have connotations for descendants of slavery and immigrant workers that are not benign."

Scientist Houman David Hemmati,

Scientist Houman David Hemmati, tweeted: "Today @uscsocialwork sent out this letter announcing that they will no longer use the word 'field' (as in 'conducting field work') because it's perceived as racist. Is this with merit or empty virtue signalling?"

Dean Vassilios Papadopoulos, sought to clarify the situation, saying he understands the decision was made by the Office of Practicum Education "out of a desire to more accurately describe its work".

He added: "Because the Office is not an academic department, its name

an academic department, its name change was not subject to a formal

By KENNY WILLIAMS

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review process. The university does not maintain a list of 'banned' or

not maintain a list of 'banned' or discouraged words.
"As an institution of higher education, we will continue to use words, including the word 'field', that accurately encompass and describe our work and research, while also continuing our efforts to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all."

Responding to the announcement, one Twitter user wrote: "For someone who spent more than seven years at USC with two graduate degrees from this institution, I am so embarrassed at what is happening there. I wonder how much of my money they spent on how much of my money they spent on coming up with this amazingly useful

change."
Another commented: "Wow, I went to USC and never thought it was particularly woke. Of course, that was 10 years ago... and I didn't study social work."

And a third person tweeted: "Are they still going to have baseball and football fields?"

football fields?"

Last year, the University of Washington issued an inclusive language guide that aimed to cut out "words that reflect racial or other discriminatory bias", covering the full

discriminatory bias", covering the full woke spectrum.

"Mantra" was one of the problem words highlighted, as many Buddhists and Hindus hold this term as being highly spiritual and religious.

The phrase "no can do" was also listed, as it is an imitation of Chinese Pidgin English from the 19th century.

PEST PERV HAD TUG ON THE JOB

A PEST controller furiously masturbated in an elderly client's lounge when he should have been zapping

should have been zapping cockroaches.

James Hamlin, 38, was arrested for exposing and playing with his genitals.

Hamlin had been treating

the outside of the house in Monroe, Georgia, and came inside to spray and began masturbating in front of the client. The perv asked the

client to come closer and look at his penis as he feared it was bleeding. He continued masturbating.

The woman fled the room and called her daughter.

Hamlin told cops that he was trying to remove a length of a string that had become caught in his flies.

become caught in his flies, admitting "it might have looked like masturbation". He faces charges of public indecency and elder abuse.



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Hubby stands by WPC axed over sex with 6 cops

THE husband of a randy WPC fired for having sex with six of her police colleagues is standing by his wife.

Jedidiah Hall's wife.

Jedidiah Hall's wife.

Officer Maegan Hall, from the La Vergne Police Department in Tennessee, was fired after allegations emerged she engaged in sex with coworkers, sent them nude photos. in sex with coworkers, sent them nude photos, took off her top at a Girls Gone Wild-themed hot tub party, and performed oral sex on two fellow cops while on duty, as reported in the Weekend Sport last week

the Weekend Sport last week.

The hanky-panky also led to the firings of three other officers, according to the internal investigation last month.

Two cops who had romps with Maegan stayed on the force, but were suspended.

were suspended.
"I don't know how

"I don't know how he's doing it, he's more of a man than I am, but he's trying to salvage his marriage," Jedidiah Hall's boss, Coffee County Sheriff Chad Partin, said.

Shop has blast with homeless

A CONVENIENCE store
boss is blasting out
classical and opera music
to deter homeless people
from camping out in front
of the storefronts.
The Texas 7-Eleven
shop owner said the goal
is to deter homeless
individuals from being

individuals from being there and harassing their customers.

The store owner, Jagat

Patel, said no-one from the Austin Police Department has shown up, despite officials receiving multiple noise complaints from the loud

classical tunes. He does not know He does not know whether the decibel level falls within city ordinance, but that he is planning on lowering the volume.

Mr Patel said: "A lot of

my female customers and young customers are scared to come here, constantly hanging out in



MUM AND SON

A MOTHER and son duo are accused of running a brothel from their home, with one hooker alleging she was paid by how many condoms were used by the end of her shift. The relatives were caught after investigators probed a complaint that underage girls were being offered for sex. Under surveillance, and by deploying fake punters, cops learned son Glin Yan Zuniga Latin, 28, and his 52-year-old mum, Amparo Latin Barillas, were running the brothel. A MOTHER and son duo are



The mother was in charge of working the door and taking cash payments, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has claimed.

An arrest report states that clients would come in and hand over £50 before choosing a sex worker to go into a room with where they'd engage in a

sex act.
Each encounter had a 15-minute time limit.

A sex worker found by police at the brothel accused Barillas of telling her she had to work three days a week and receive £25 for every customer. She said she averaged between eight and 10 customers each day and would only get paid by the number of used condoms

at the end of her shift.

The woman told detectives there was another brothel next door that was considered a separate business, though cops suspect the mother and son are also involved in that.

son are also involved in that. Bank subpoenas indicate the pair, who face charges of making money from prostitution and maintaining a house of prostitution, made regular cash deposits into their accounts, but there is no evidence they had another income.



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Dear Kelly,

I'M really into my cycling and ride around 10 miles into work and back

I'M really into my cycling and ride around 10 miles into work and back every day.

As well as helping me lose about three stone, all that pumping on the saddle seems to have made my member grow quite substantially. I couldn't resist "accidentally" walking into the office in my Lycra cycling shorts, just to see how the ladies would react to my bulge. Most of them pretended to ignore me, but a couple of them – saucy mares – made comments about "packed lunch" and stuff like that. In fact, one of them went so far as to give me a bit of a "tweak" by the photocopier, which led to us finding ourselves in the ladies loo. She grabbed me with both hands, used her lips on me and then guided me in as we had a "quickie".

Trouble is, the other cheeky one got the hump that she didn't get to grips with my sizeable organ and grassed us up. Now I face the sack. What shall I do?

MK, Norfolk

MK. Norfolk

Kelly says...

GET on ver bike and look for a new job.

Dear Kelly,

I'M a 24-year-old joiner and I nearly took the tip of my finger off in

I'M a 24-year-old joiner and I nearly took the tip of my finger off in a taxi door the other night while I was pissed.

It was gushing with blood, so I went straight off to hospital and had to pretend I wasn't in absolute agony when I was seen by a gorgeous female nurse.

But as she put ointment on my wound it really hurt and I winced. To my surprise she said she'd make the pain go away – and started to lick my fingers!

Obviously, I got a hard-on, which I realised she'd noticed when she discovered well at the curtains abut around us and began to with the

discreetly pulled the curtains shut around us and began to rub the front of my jeans.

I soon forgot about my injury as she pulled out my rock-hard cock and knelt in front of me. She gave me an expert blowjob and even swallowed the lot.

wallowed the lot. Should I injure another digit, so I can go and see her again? FK, Preston

Kelly says...

I RECKON she'd give you the finger if you did!

Swap sex backfired as my girl swapped me for a pal

Dear Kelly,

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MY girlfriend walked out on me a few

MY griffield walked out on me a lew weeks ago and it left me devastated - we'd been together for five years. She told me that she'd been seeing somebody else and, if that wasn't bad enough, she said the other guy is my mate. It started when I introduced her to swapping partners. Our see life was

It started when I introduced her to swapping partners. Our sex life was good, but I need a bit of variety and I was bored with just shagging her four or five times a week.

I found a contact site on the net and replied to one of the ads.
Once I'd sorted out a nice couple to have some adult fun with, I told my girlfriend.
At first she went berserk and

At first she went berserk and called me all kinds of names. But I persisted and she agreed to give it

go.
The pair we met up with were a

good-looking blonde and a tall, dark-haired man.

As the night wore on, my girl got into the mood by stroking the guy's knob while his bird sucked on mine.

The women then had lesbo sex as we watched and warked.

we watched and wanked.

Then my bird rolled over and grabbed hold of the fella and pulled him on top.

He gave her a good seeing to as I screwed his wife.

But when my civifying left me.

But when my girlfriend left me, she said it was my fault as she'd never have thought about shagging someone else but for our swapping

What should I do?

PW, Northumberland

Kelly says...

FIND another girlfriend and don't swap again in future... you IDIOT!

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WELCOME to the World famous Sport Agony page! No other newspaper's agony aunts can offer the level of advice – or experience – than our own Agony Angels! This week KELLY MCGREGOR has been reading through your letters. And here's her advice for you...

Selfish mates use <u>me as sex obj</u>

single girl and I'm lucky enough to have

Even though most of them are fellas, we go out clubbing every weekend and have a

But again, he shot off to the pub as soon as he'd come. The following week I was feeling

really fed up because I hadn't been out when two of the guys called and we all ended up naked on my bed.

I sucked one of them off while his chum gave me a good licking and then they swapped places.

The pair of them then proceeded

to shag me like there was no tomorrow.

It went on for ages, each of them taking turns to fill my pussy.

I had orgasm after orgasm until I

seven-incher into me from behind and began pounding away.

It was pretty good and I orgasmed twice before he climaxed. But once he'd finished, he left.

The next night another of the fellas called and we ended up having oral with each other.

But again, he shot off to the pub for a dying and the specific or a distribution of the shot off to the pub for a dying and to beg them to stop because I couldn't take it any more. Even then they weren't finished. They wanked themselves furiously over the top of me before squirting their spunk all over my face.

I thought I was at least going to the pub for a dying and the stop because I couldn't take it any more.

Even then they weren't finished. They wanked themselves furiously over the top of me before squirting their spunk all over my face.

for a drink.

But when I said I would love to, they said it was a "lads' night" and left.

I feel really pissed off about the

way they are treating me. What shall I do?

 $BD,\ Somerset$

Kelly says...

YOU'RE spot on when you say they are using you. Next time they call, tell them to f**k off!

My cheating shame with busty blonde

Dear Kelly,

I WAS invited to a 25th wedding anniversary party. My missus was away visiting a relative, so I went alone to a hotel where I'd booked in for the night.

At the anniversary dinner, I was seated next to a blonde who was about 45 with a great figure – shown off to great effect by her low-cut party dress.

party dress.

I spent most of the night gazing down her cleavage and, when she noticed, I felt her hand slip on to my thigh and start rubbing.

She could tell I was "up" for it, and for the first time in 24 years of marriage I cheated on

In my room she performed an erotic strip to reveal a tanned and well-toned body.

Lapped

She lay back on the bed and spread her legs,

revealing a moist pussy.

Without a thought for my wife, I went down on her luscious fanny and lapped at it until she was panting for a poke.

I couldn't restrain myself as I shafted her long and hard.

But in the cold light of day I was shocked at the way I behaved and I'm now terrified that word might get back to my missus. What can I do?

NC. Dorset

Kelly says...

IF it was a one-off, just concentrate on reaching your own 25th anniversary

Dear Kelly,

I'M a bubbly, 18-year-old blonde and three months ago I started a job with

an insurance company.
I thought I'd hit the jackpot when my head of department – a handsome bloke in his early 30s - asked me out

for a drink.

We got on really well and I could tell he was bursting to shag me, but he said he was married and couldn't take me home to his place

I was so horny that I suggested we went to

the office.

We'd worked ourselves un into a sexual frenzy his office he didn't mess around.

He bent me over the desk, slid down my knickers from behind and roughly inserted his

todger.
I felt like I was being treated like a whore, but I wasn't going to complain as I was thinking of my promotion prospects.

How wrong I was to build up my hopes! The next day he

passed me in the corridor without a second glance and he hasn't spoken to me

What should I do?

HK, Weymouth

Kelly says...

WORK hard instead.

































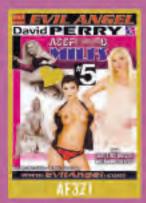






























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- 1. WHICH Hollywood star hit out at the "patriarchal pyramid" and praised
- "women in tampon ads" as she scooped the Best Actress gong at Sunday night's Critics' Choice
- night's Critics' Choice Awards, saying: "Change this f**king structure!" in her acceptance speech? a) Cate Blanchett b) Michelle Williams c) Margot Robbie d) Viola Davis

- 2. PRINCE Harry was made to feel less important than William as a child by getting fewer what at breakfast, according to Princess Diana's former butler Paul Burrell?
- a) Eggs b) Baked beans
- c) Sausagesd) Rounds of toast
- 3. WHICH Arsenal footie star was kicked by a Tottenham fan following his side's 2-0 victory in the north London derby
- on Sunday?
 a) Aaron Ramsdale
 b) William Saliba
 c) Martin Odegaard
 d) Eddie Nketiah

- 4. WHO was forced to apologise after a *Good Morning Britain* guest said the word "bollocks"
- live on air?
 a) Ben Shephard
 b) Kate Garraway
- c) Richard Madeley d) Susanna Reid
- 5. ECO-warrior Greta

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31. Use; 32. Beg.

19. Agate; 23. Bud; 25. Roost; 27. Beef; 28. Lard; 30. Add;

13. Drake; 14. Deaf; 15. Legend; 17. Arab;

3. Mild; 4. Fly; 5. Dye; 6. Prize; 9. Banal;

10. Gyrate; 11. Awl;

QUIZ: 1 - A, 2 - C, 3 - A,

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Thunberg was led away by police at a demonstration outside a German what?

- a) Beer keller b) Oil refinery c) Coal mine d) Abattoir
- 6. WHICH Manchester United star is said to be in talks over a new £300,000-a-week deal, with the club confident of tying him down to fend off interest from PSG?
 a) Marcus Rashford
 b) Bruno Fernandes
 c) Luke Shaw
 d) Alejandro Garnacho

- 7. THE new series of Love Island started on ITV2 this week. Which country is it filmed in?
 a) Portugal
 b) South Africa
- c) Dubai d) Mexico
- 8. THE Mafia's "last

caught after 30 years on the run. Matteo Messina Denaro is also known by what spooky nickname?
a) The Phantom
b) The Ghoul

Godfather" has been

- c) The Bogeyman d) The Ghost
- 9. WHICH Strictly star is set to replace David Walliams as a judge on Britain's Got Talent?
- a) Craig Revel Horwood b) Motsi Mabuse c) Anton Du Beke d) Bruno Tonioli
- 10. THE players and manager from which League One footie club have shaven their heads in support of a team-mate, who is battling cancer?
- a) Barnsley
 b) Bristol Rovers
 c) Morecambe
 d) Port Vale

DOWN: 1. Ash; 2. Fear; CROSSWORD
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13. Dawdle; 16. Radar;
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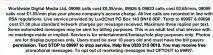














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SPORT STARTS HERE WITH RACING



HOLLIE DOYLE heads to Southwell on Wednesday for a decent book of rides. headed by Ramensky in the BetUK Over 40,000 Live Streamed Races Restricted Novice Stakes.

Doyle has wasted no time in getting back into the thick of the action since her return from Japan and she

return from Japan and she has been operating at a healthy strike-rate since the turn of the year.

Her best chance on the card comes for William Haggas, with a Cracksman gelding who has been steadily improving with each run.

Haggas could have sent Ramensky handicapping and while a mark of 78 looks pretty steep, the excellent Newmarket handler obviously thinks he has a better chance of breaking his duck in novice company.

He only heat one home on

of breaking his duck in novice company.

He only beat one home on his debut at Goodwood in August but took a big step forward at Yarmouth next time out when dead-heating for fourth of eight, beaten just over a length.

On his most recent outing in September, he was a fair

On his most recent outing in September he was a fair second to the now 83-rated Rathgar back at Goodwood. His last two runs were over nine furlongs and Haggas steps him up to the intermediate trip of a mile and

By MIKE FRANCIS

three furlongs, which looks sure to be in his favour. Doyle also holds serious claims in the talkSPORT Download The App Handicap on Charlie Hills' Geralt Of on Charlie Hills' Geran on Rivia.

Hills does not have that

Hills does not have that many runners at this time of year, but those that do run are always worth a look
Second twice in six starts, he caught a tartar last time out when beaten by the rapidly-improving Huberts Dream.
That was his second run beat from a wind constitution.

That was his second run back from a wind operation and a mark of 68 looks fair. Charlie Johnston's Ray Of Colours almost slipped the field at Lingfield recently when sent off at 33-1.

That was a big career best, with the winner going close to following up at the weekend and giving strength to the form.

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Ray Of Colours now goes handicapping off a mark of 70 and in a small field in the talkSPORT Powered By Fans Handicap, Franny Norton will be hoping he is allowed to dictate once again.

Two places in front of Ray Of Colours at Lingfield was Sir Mark Prescott's Bravura, who can go one better in the talkSPORT Download The App Maiden Stakes at Wolverhampton.

The Saxon Warrior gelding

was having just his second outing but ran really well, just headed inside the final furlong

headed inside the final furlong by Mohatu.

He is a half-brother to Irish Derby and St Leger runner-up Midas Touch and Coronet, a top class filly for John Gosden, so he is bred to come into his own over middle distances.

The excellent Billy Loughnane continues to look a steal when he can use his 7lb claim.

steal when he can use his 7lb claim.

He rides Broughtons Flare for his father, Mark, in the Spreadex Sports Best Premier League Odds Handicap and can follow up a recent win at the track.

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He needs to defy a 4lb penalty and as young Loughnane was on board last time he does not offset that, but he should be there or thereabouts again.

If Mick Appleby's Fast Style avoids the bounce factor, he should win the Spreadex Sports Get £40 In Bonuses Handicap.

He returned from 186 days off the track to win on his debut for Appleby after an unsuccessful spell hurdling for Sam Allwood, but won with a bit in hand.

Venetia Williams' Gamaret can win at Newbury again in the Bloomfields Horseboxes Presents The Raceline Professional Novices' Limited Handicap Chase.

IOLVERHAMPTON WEDNESDAY

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RECORD signing Alexander Isak says he's happy to help keep Newcastle right in the fight for the Champions League places.

The £60million striker came off the bench to head the Magpies to a 1-0 victory over in-form Fulham and send them back above Manchester United into third place in the table.

It was the 23-year-old Sweden international's third goal in four league appearances either side of a four-month injury lay-off, and it could hardly have been better timed with just a minute of normal time remaining. He said: "It felt great and it was

always special coming on and scoring a late winner. I could not miss that one."

Isak's winner was reward for the Magpies' persistence on an eventful afternoon at St James' Park.

The home side were dealt a The home side were dealt a potentially seriously blow when key midfielder Bruno Guimaraes limped off at half-time having failed to run off an ankle injury which head coach Eddie Howe later revealed was a concern.

However, the drama did not end

By JOHN ANTHONY

there as Newcastle continued to

there as Newcastle continued to create but not take chances and were almost made to pay.

Referee Robert Jones, much to Fulham boss Marco Silva's consternation, did not point to the penalty spot for Dan Burn's tug on Andreas Pereira or when Bobby Decordova-Reid went down under Kieran Trippier's challenge seconds later, but a VAR review on the second incident handed former Magpie Aleksandar Mitrovic the chance to put the visitors ahead.

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The Serbia international beat keeper Nick Pope from 12 yards, but only after his right-footed penalty had looped up off his left boot and was duly disallowed, meaning Isak's point-blank header from Callum Wilson's cross was enough to secure the

points.

The Swede said: "I just sensed The Swede said: I just sensed that the ball was going to go in at some point because we had some pressure on them. We knew eventually the ball would bounce right and I was there at the right time."

time."

Silva, who saw his side lose the reverse fixture 4-1 in October after Nathaniel Chalobah's



eighth-minute dismissal, was aggrieved that Burn has not suffered a similar fate, a decision he felt would have changed the

game.

He said: "We can win, we can lose in the same way, but the game would be completely different if you play the game with 10 players.

"I think you all agree with me, 10 will be completely different from that moment."

Newcastle are on course for one of the best defensive seasons in Premier League history. The

Magpies have conceded only 11 goals in their first 19 matches of goals in their first 19 matches of the campaign – a record bettered by just seven teams since 1992-

Eddie Howe's side have kept 11 clean sheets so far, including five

in a row.
Here, Midweek Sport takes a closer look at Newcastle's miserly

TRIED AND TESTED

Eddie Howe has largely stuck with the same goalkeeper and back four in the Premier League

back four in the Premier League this season.

Summer signing Nick Pope has been ever-present between the posts, while defenders Kieran Trippier, Fabian Schar and Dan Burn are Howe's most-used outfield players.

Sven Botman has been the other preferred member of Newcastle's defence. The Dutchman has started 16 out of 19 games in the league since arriving from Lille in June.

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Newcastle are just the 11th team in Premier League history to concede 11 goals or fewer after 19 matches.

None of the previous 10 finished lower than third with five

lower than third, with five winning the title – in successive

seasons from 2004-05 to 2008-09. Liverpool in 2018-19 and Chelsea in 2008-09 have the best records at the halfway stage, with both having allowed only seven

Jurgen Klopp's men went on to concede 22 across the season as a whole, narrowly missing out on the title to Man City, while Chelsea shipped a total of 24 during a turbulent campaign.

CHELSEA TO BEAT

Chelsea's defence of the mid-to late-2000s, with Petr Cech in goal, and John Terry and Ricardo Carvalho at the heart of a back four, were consistently very difficult to breach.

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The Blues conceded just 15 goals across the entirety of Jose Mourinho's first season in charge – 2004-05 – and restricted their opponents to a mere 22 in the following campaign.

The former effort remains a record, ahead of Arsenal in 1998-09

99.

The Gunners' famous back line of Tony Adams, Martin Keown, Lee Dixon and Nigel Winterburn, backed by goalkeeper David Seaman, allowed only 17 goals against them all season but lost out on the title to Manchester United.

ARSENAL'S north London derby win over Tottenham took them to their biggest Premier League lead since they last won the title and their highest points total at this stage of a season.

With 47 points from 18 games, Mikel Arteta's side lead second-placed Manchester City by eight points. Here, Midweek Sport looks at how their current position compares to

past champions and the club's history.

RECORD PACE

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Arsenal's previous best record at this stage was 14 wins, two draws and two defeats on their way to the First Division title in 1932-33, which would be worth 44 points when converted to the modern three points for a win system.

Arteta's side are three points better off than that after 15 wins, draws with Southampton and Newcastle and a solitary loss to Manchester United.

Arsenal's last league title came in 2003-04 and while Arsene Wenger's 'Invincibles' were, by definition, unbeaten at this stage, draws with Pompey, Man United, Charlton, Fulham, Leicester and Bolton had Wenger's side on 42 points after 18 games. They went on to finish with 90 and win the title by 11 points, with their current eight-point lead being the biggest advantage since then.

They were one point better off at this stage in 2007-08 than they were in 2003-04, after 13 wins,



By WES DERBY

four draws and a defeat to Middlesbrough, but they went on to finish third.

Converting all historic seasons to three points for a win, Arsenal have eight seasons with 40 or more points through 18 games. They brought them five league titles as well as a promotion, in 1903-04 as Second Division runners-up.

TITLE COMPARISON
The Gunners' imperious form sees them ahead of back-to-back champions Manchester City's points tally at this stage in each of the last two seasons.

Pep Guardiola's side had 44 points after 18 games last season and 38 the previous year, before finishing the respective campaigns too of the pile on 93 and 86.

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The three seasons prior to that saw the highest final points totals in Premier League history as City and Liverpool battled for top honours, with record pace at this stage of the season too.

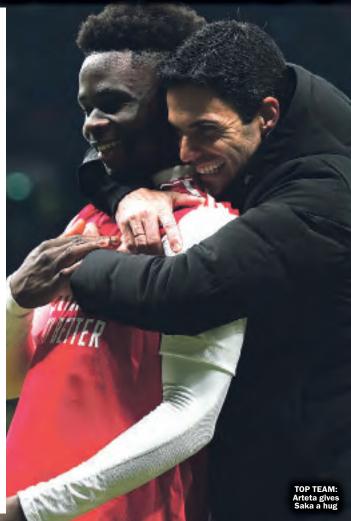
City won 17 of their first 18 in 2017-18, taking 52 points out of a possible 54, and went on to record the only 100-point campaign to date. Liverpool matched that start two years later before winning the title with 99 points.

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Arsenal are ahead of City's 44 points from the 2018-19 season—though Jurgen Klopp's Reds had 48 at that stage, eventually finishing on 97 to City's 98.

The Invincibles aside, Arsenal's other two provious titles in the

other two previous titles in the Premier League era came after they had 33 at this stage in 2001-02 and 30 in 1997-98 – the latter leaving them sixth in the table at Christmas before a run of 18 games unbeaten, and 10 straight wins from March 11 to May 3, carried them to the trophy.



M FIRES STEVE

STEVE Borthwick insists his focus is on Scotland and not a World Cup collision course with Eddie Jones after his coaching mentor was placed in charge of Australia.

Borthwick and Jones could go head to head in the quarter finals creating a

go nead to nead in the quarter-finals, creating a fascinating sub plot to the tournament being staged in France later this year. Jones was sacked by England last month after

presiding over a dismal 2022 and has been replaced by Borthwick, his former number two with Japan and

at Twickenham.

In a twist of fate the Rugby
Football Union must have
been dreading, Jones has

RUGBY UNION

been contracted by the Wallabies until the 2027 World Cup.
Borthwick, however, is concentrating only on the Six

Nations opener against Scotland after naming his first squad since succeeding

first squad since succeeding Jones.

"I know the World Cup is around the corner but in 19 days' time we play Scotland and that's our focus," Borthwick said.

"I'm delighted for Eddie that he is coaching his home country. The day that I was announced as England head coach he sent me a message wishing me the very best and

this morning I sent him a message wishing him the very best."

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When asked if he had preferred Jones to take

When asked if he had preferred Jones to take another role, Borthwick said: "My job is to coach the England rugby team.
"Tve talked about the team we wish to build. Every England supporter wants to see an England team that plays with courage and fight in every single contest and

plays with courage and fight in every single contest and that finds a way to win. It's our job to coach that team."

Owen Farrell will lead the team out despite serving a four-match ban for a dangerous challenge on club duty against Gloucester.

But in a controversial

move, the January 28 appointment with Bristol is included among the fixtures

he must miss, ensuring his availability to face Scotland on February 4.
Players involved in the opening match of the Six Nations are stood down from

Nations are stood down from the final round of club games, yet in this instance it counts towards Farrell's suspension.
Borthwick had no hesitation in retaining the Lions playmaker as skipper. He said: "Owen accepts his suspension and can't wait to be back on the field. My point of view is that I'm England head coach and my idh is to head coach and my job is to select the players that are available to me."



- 1. Which snooker player holds the record of seven Masters title wins?
- 2. From who did Leeds sign France Under-21s striker Georginio Rutter for a club record £36million?
- 3. Who were the last English club to win rugby union's European Champions Cup?
- 4. Damar Hamlin, 24. who suffered a cardiac arrest during the current NFL season. plays for which team? 5. Who did Ashleigh
- Barty beat in last year's Australian Open women's singles final?
- 6. Name the two-time Grand National-winning jockey who came out of retirement this month, three weeks after quitting the saddle.
- 7. Who set a new Irish national record when beating Laura Muir in the women's 1500 metres at the Diamond League in Brussels in September?
- 8. Leigh Wood will defend his WBA featherweight title next month in Nottingham against which Mexican
- 9. In what year did Liverpool appoint Jurgen Klopp as their manager?
- 10. For which nation was Steve Borthwick an assistant coach during the 2015 Rugby World Cup?
- 11. Which country will host the first race of the 2023 Formula One season? 12. Which red ball is
- used in England home Test cricket matches? a) Kookaburra b) Dukes 13. Dennis Rodman
- Championship rings with which two teams? 14. Manchester United's Ona Batlle plays her international football for which

country?

- 15. Which team are currently bottom of the Sky Bet Championship? 16. Which rugby league side won the 2022 NRL Championship in Australia?
- 17. Andy Murray has reached the Australian Open final on how many occasions?
- 18. Team Europe beat Team USA to the 2021 Solheim Cup, but what score did it finish?
- 19. New Liverpool signing Cody Gakpo scored how many goals in the Eredivisie this
- 20. The Optus Stadium can be found in which Australian city?

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Everton fan 'threats' get police probe

MERSEYSIDE Police has revealed it is in contact with Everton over alleged threats made towards the club's directors ahead of last weekend's Premier League match against

Southampton.
Supporters' ire has turned on Everton's hierarchy in the last few weeks as they face a second successive season battling to retain their Premier League status.

Everton chairman Bill Kenwright last week is understood to have received death threats via email, while chief executive Denise Barrett-Baxendale was grabbed by a fan and placed in a headlock as she left the directors' box after a

recent game.
All board members were instructed to stay away from Goodison Park on Saturday, when thousands of supporters joined a post-match sit-in to

post-match str-in to protest against the running of the club. Police also had to cordon off the exit to the players' car park, but it did not prevent the likes of Yerry Mina and Anthony
Gordon being confronted
in their vehicles on roads
surrounding the ground.
Merseyside Police
confirmed "no threats or
incidents were reported to
police print to the game"

police prior to the game", but talks are ongoing to determine whether any offences have occurred.

A statement said: "We can confirm that
Merseyside Police is
liaising with Everton
Football Club following
alleged threats towards

alleged threats towards directors ahead of the Premier League fixture against Southampton on Saturday, 14 January.

"No threats or incidents were reported to police prior to the game, but we are in communication with the public activation in the public secrebilish if any. the club to establish if any offences have taken place, and to ensure that any future reports are received

through existing channels.

"Any threats reported to
Merseyside Police would he assessed and investigated as a matter of course, and any appropriate safety

measures implemented.
"We are also aware of videos in circulation of fans approaching players' cars as they made their way from Goodison Park after the match.

"No offences have been reported."
Everton slid to a 2-1

home defeat to bottom-of-the-table Southampton, the only team below the Toffees in the standings at the halfway point of the

IT'S TOUGH AT THE KOP AS ANFIE

LIVERPOOL manager Klopp admits his underperforming side will have to go back to basics in order to solve

their current problems.

A sixth Premier League defeat of the season at Brighton has left the Reds 10 points adrift of the top four but, with games coming thick and fast, there is little time to correct the issues.

But Klupp said the thing they had

to correct the issues.
But Klopp said the thing they had to be was more difficult to beat.
"The issues we had in that game were obvious," he said.
"In the end, these are football problems and you solve them with football and to play better football than we did at Brighton should not be too difficult.
"We have to be more compact. The

"We have to be more compact. The pitch looks too big when we are defending. You have to go back to basics and from there you can make

steps. "We have to do some things slightly

By PAUL THOMAS

different and some things the same. All the success in football starts with solid defending and that's what we have to do again."

With the third-round replay coming just three days after their trip to the south coast, Klopp will make changes to his team.

It could be a blessing in disguise as they have looked lethargic in recent weeks.

"We need fresh legs. The easy thing for me is to sit here and tell the boys 'At Brighton you put us in the

thing for me is to sit here and tell the boys 'At Brighton you put us in the situation so let's see how you can get us out of it'," said Klopp.
"But that would mean I am out of responsibility and I just can't." Klopp has clearly stated his position on the January transfer window — with further additions to the arrival of £38million forward Cody Gakpo highly unlikely due to financial restraints. financial restraints.

He is not blind to the fact there

needs to be change but he believes now is not the right time.

"We look outside as well. It's not that we're stubborn and think 'We'll go with these boys until 2050'. That's not how we see it," he said.

"It is all about what you can do and what you want to do – but much more important what you can do.

"If solutions for us were out there, available and do-able of course we would bring in players to help but we have an existing squad and we are under-performing, I know that.

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"But I can't sit here and blame the players every time. It is my responsibility that they perform. "Yes we have limited options but we have players with a contract here, they are just not available. If they would be all-in it would be a different situation. "Our squad is not too small. Do we have to strengthen? Oh yes. Is this the right moment to do it? I can't see it because of the situation we are in.

The situation doesn't change, even though we lost another game since the last press conference."

WHY ARE LIVERPOOL STRUGGLING

SO MUCH THIS SEASON?

A simple question with a multi-faceted answer. A number of factors have contrived to create the current situation the most testing Klopp has faced in his time at Anfield. The manager will point to injuries: he had four forwards missing at Brighton - two long-term absentees – as well as influential centre-back Virgil van Dijk. IS THAT JUST UNLUCKY OR ARE THERE

UNDERLYING ISSUES?

Fatigue, both physical and mental, has also played a part. Klopp finally admitted on Friday that the 63-game 2021/22 season which saw Liverpool win two cup, almost lift the Premier League and Champions League, and play in every match for which they were eligible has impacted his squad. Jordan Henderson confirmed after

GIANTS GO ON THE SLIDE



the Brighton defeat the players were low on energy and confidence.

FATIGUEZ LOW ON ENERGY? HOW COME.

Off the back of Liverpool's marathon season their midfield three at Brighton – Henderson (32), Thiago Alcantara (31) and Fabinho (29) – had a combined erg of 92 of (29) – had a combined age of 92. Of the alternatives James Milner is 37, Naby Keita and Curtis Jones have missed a lot of the campaign with injury while youngster Harvey Elliott has struggled.

SO WHY HAS KLOPP NOT

FRESHENED UP HIS SQUAD?

In one word: money. Owners Fenway Sports Group found £38million to bring in PSV forward #38million to bring in PSV forward Cody Gakpo this month even though he was a longer-range target because they wanted to fend off interest from other clubs. Klopp wanted Aurelien Tchouameni to bolster his midfield but the France international chose Real Madrid in the summer. Midfield remains the area in real need of attention and the suspicion is FSG are budgeting for a break-the-bank deal for Jude Bellingham.

WHAT CAN KLOPP DO THEN?

Having ruled out more signings this window it looks like he will have to muddle through. Getting forwards Roberto Firmino and Darwin Nunez back fit will help but his option in midfield is to put greater faith in the likes of Keita and Jones and hope they can provide the refresh.

WHAT'S THE SHORT-TERM FIX

TO THEIR GENERAL PROBLEMS? Liverpool have conceded the first Liverpool have conceded the first goal 21 times in their last 35 matches and have not kept a clean sheet in the Premier League since October. That is another issue which can be traced to their midfield deficiencies, but they have looked so open at the back opposition teams know they will always get chances. A change in formation may help but Klopp has already made tweaks without much success.



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Premiership, Kilmarnock v Rangers – Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1930: Italian Super Cup, AC Milan v Inter Milan – Viaplay Sports 1855. ■TENNIS: Australian Open – Eurosport 0000. CRICKET: Women's one-day international, Australia v Pakistan – BT Sport 2 SNOOKER: World Grand Prix – ITV4 1245 and 1845.

■F00TBALL: Premier League, Manchester City v Tottenham – Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Premier League 1900, Coppa Italia, Atalanta v Spezia Viaplay Sports 1355.■TENNIS: Australian Open Eurosport 1 and Eurosport 2

GOLF: DP World Tour, The Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship — Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Golf 0330; PGA Tour, The American Express – Sky Sports Golf 1630, Sky Sports Main Event 2300.

SNOOKER: World Grand Prix — ITV4 1245 and 1845. ■MOTOR SPORT: World Rally Championship, Rallye Monte Carlo — BT Sport 1 1900. BASKETBALL: NBA, Boston

Celtics v Golden State Warriors

— Sky Sports Arena and Sky Sports Main Event 0030 (Fri), Phoenix Suns v Brooklyn Nets - Sky Sports Arena and Sky Sports Main Event 0300 (Fri).

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■TENNIS: Australian Open – Eurosport 1 and Eurosport 2 0000

■RUGRY UNION: Heineken Champions Cup, Leicester v Ospreys — BT Sport 1 1930, S4C 1955, Lyon v Bulls — BT Sport 2 1930

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■HORSE RACING: Live — Sky Sports Main Event 1400. SNOOKER: World Grand Prix - ITV4 1245 and 1845. ■BASKETBALL: NBA. Cleveland Cavaliers v Milwaukee Bucks –

Sky Sports Arena 0030 (Sat). SATURDAY

FOOTBALL: Premier League, Liverpool v Chelsea — BT Sport 1 1130: Championship,
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■CRICKET: Women's one-day international. Australia v Pakistan – BT Sport 2 0000. ■BOXING: Chris Eubank Jr vs Liam Smith - Sky Box Office 1900.

■GOLF: DP World Tour, The Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship -Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Golf 0500; PGA Tour, The American Express — Sky Sports Golf 1630.

■NETBALL: Quad Series, South Africa v New Zealand and Australia v England — Sky Sports Mix and Sky Sports

Arena 1300.

DARTS: Nordic Masters – ITV4 1200 and 1900. ■HORSE RACING: Cheltenham,

Aintree and Epsom — ITV3 1310. ■MOTOR SPORT: World Rally Championship, Rallye Monte Carlo — BT Sport 1 0900.

■SNOOKER: World Grand Prix - ITV4 1845.

■GRIDIRON: NFL, game TBD — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 2030; game TBD — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 0100 (Sun) ■BASKETBALL: NBA, Toronto Raptors v Boston Celtics – Sky Sports Arena 2200.

SUNDAY

■F00TBALL: Premier League, Leeds v Brentford — Sky Sports Premier League 1300, Sky Sports Main Event 1400, Arsenal v Manchester United Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Premier League 1600; WSL, Chelsea v Liverpool – BBC Two England 1215, Brighton v Arsenal - Sky Sports Premier League 1930; Championship, Sunderland v Middlesbrough — Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1130; Serie A, Sampdoria v Udinese — BT Sport 1 1130, Monza v Sassuolo — BT Sport 1 1400, Spezia v Roma — BT Sport 1 1700, Juventus v Atalanta — BT Sport 1 1945; LaLiga, Elche v Osasuna - Viaplay Sports 1510, Athletic Bilbao v Real Madrid -Viaplay Sports 1955. TENNIS: Australian Open —

Eurosport 1 and Eurosport 2 nnnn RUGBY UNION: Heineken

Champions Cup, Montpellier v London Irish — BT Sport 2 1230, Toulouse v Munster - BT Sport 2 1500, Edinburgh v Saracens - BT Sport 2 1715. ■GOLF: DP World Tour, The Abu

Dhabi HSBC Championship -Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Golf 0500: PGA Tour. The American Express — Sky Sports Golf 1630.

■MOTOR SPORT: World Rally Championship, Rallye Monte Carlo — BT Sport 1 0800, BT Sport 2 1100.

SNOOKER: World Grand Prix - ITV4 1245 and 1845.

■CYCLING: Vuelta a San Juan

— Eurosport 2 2200. ■GRIDIRON: NFL, game TBD — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 1930, game TBD — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 2300.







By JOHN ANTHONY

MANCHESTER United new boy Wout Weghorst feels like he has unfinished business in the

unfinished business in the Premier League.

The Old Trafford giants have impressed this term but looked light up top even before Cristiano Ronaldo's dramatic exit last month. United's January move for Weghorst surprised the Netherlands striker as much as onlookers, with the 30-year-old saying it was "special moment" to find out about the interest from his agent. The towering frontman had been on loan at Besiktas from Burnley.

But he shone at the World Cup and a deal was struck last week that saw him instead switch from the Championship

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leaders to Ten Hag's team for the remainder of the season.

"Yeah, really looking forward to being back in the Premier League," Weghorst, who joined the Clarets from Wolfsburg for £12million last January, told United club media.

"For me, it was not done, it was not finished. It didn't work out the first time as I hoped and I'm really hungry to show myself, to help the team.

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"The last couple of weeks, months actually, it's going really positive here and I just want to contribute and give my best and give my all for the club and I try to be a part of the successful direction we are going.
"To play for the biggest club is, of course, amazing, and at the stage I am at now, I am ready for it."

